

COUNCIL BRIEFS

May 8, 2015

Best Library in Greater Hartford! The public has spoken. For the third year running, West Hartford Public Libraries has been once again selected as "[Best Library](#)" in *Hartford Magazine's* annual readers' choice poll. In addition, the Library's Twitter account was first runner-up in the "[Best Tweeter](#)" category.

Groundbreaking ceremony for West Hartford's newest school: Please join us on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 8:30 AM for a Groundbreaking Ceremony for West Hartford's newest school building, Charter Oak International Academy, an International Baccalaureate World School, located at 425 Oakwood Ave. Be among the honored guests as we celebrate the start of construction of this unique and dynamic school.

DPW Open House: The Department of Public Works will hold its fourth annual Open House on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 17 Brixton Street in observance of National Public Works Week.

At the event children can sit in big trucks, while adults learn about disposing of household hazardous waste and safely shred confidential papers. Attendees can enter a free drawing for a bulky waste or metal pick-up. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the West Hartford Food Pantry and help a neighbor in need.

Town Clerk earns Certified Municipal Clerk designation: Town Clerk Essie Labrot recently received the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, a professional, nonprofit association that promotes education and certification. In order to receive this designation, a Municipal Clerk must complete a minimum of 180 hours of classroom training in the areas of general management, records management, elections, meeting administration, human resources and financial management.

Annual Police Awards: The West Hartford Police Department will hold a ceremony recognizing the exceptional efforts of its police force and residents on Friday, May 15 at 8:00 AM in Room 314 of Town Hall. Sixty members of the police department and eight citizens will be honored. Fourteen members of the department will also be recognized for the length of service. The ceremony is held each year during National Police Week.

Summer Brainstorm for Kids: Parents who are looking for innovative ways to challenge, educate and entertain their children this summer will find the answer with the new Summer Brainstorm camp offered by West Hartford Leisure Services. Geared for children ages 8 through 13, Summer Brainstorm camp will be held at Wolcott Elementary School from July 13 through July 17. Children choose from a variety of programs including aerodynamics, science, Japanese lantern building with woodworking, a school of rock, summer songwriting, spy games, a Parisian-themed program, and a forest exploration program, to round out the series. [Click here](#) for more details.

iCan Bike camp: The Miracle League of Connecticut, The Farmington Inn, Bloomfield Bicycle, Bike West Hartford, Inc., West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee and West Hartford Human & Leisure Services are in partnership to bring the iCan Bike program to West Hartford again this summer.

The mission of iCan Bike is to teach children with special needs (age 8 and above) to ride conventional two wheel bicycles and become lifelong independent riders. The program's special equipment typically enables program participants to master the skill in less than one week's time. [Click here for details.](#)

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